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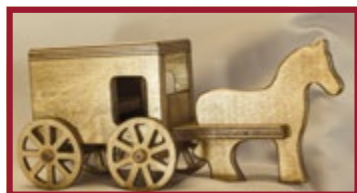
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Travelers have been traversing Lancaster County along Route 30 for well over two centuries. And for over 70 years, a very special building has signaled their arrival in Amish Country. It has a legitimate claim on being the area's oldest visitor landmark. Most importantly, it's the "place that made shoo-fly pie famous." That iconic structure is the **Dutch Haven** windmill.

With a history dating back to the beginnings of tourism here, the building is rich in memories. From the time it started as a luncheonette in 1920 right up to the present, it has remained most famous for shoo-fly pie, served warm with whipped cream. The Dutch Haven shoo-fly pie has even been mentioned in a TIME magazine article.

Today, as soon as you walk in, you'll be offered a free sample of that same delicious, gooey pie. Some 40,000 pies are baked

annually, using the original (secret) recipe. Visitors are still encouraged to "Take one for yourself or send one to someone nice." You can buy and ship pies home at the store or at their "online shop," where you'll find other local crafts as well.

Yes, Dutch Haven is much more than pies, with over 10,000 unique gift items, foods, and collectibles. Some of the most popular are jams, jellies, and canned goods, noodles, Amish pine furniture and cedar

chests, hex signs, quilted spice mats, Amish straw hats, jewelry and gemstones, Dutch Delft tiles, Amish dolls, onyx and soapstone animals, trivets, metal stars, Tiffany lamps, Amish romance novels, framed prints, plenty of T-shirts and postcards, and a tremendous selection of Amish-made outdoor furniture. It's an eclectic mix, to say the least.

As you explore, you'll discover lots of other "surprises" around every corner. Expect the unexpected! And don't forget the Amish-style root beer in the barrel.

Remember, Dutch Haven is open 7 days a week, Sunday–Thursday, 9 AM–7 PM and Friday and Saturday 9 AM–9 PM. For more info about this Lancaster County landmark, call 717.687.0111. Look forward to your free sample when you walk in under the welcoming arms of the windmill...for this truly is the place that made shoo-fly pie famous. 





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Thread Color Into Your Life with QuiltWeek

By Clinton Martin

The Lancaster County Convention Center comes alive in March each year, when for one fabulous week, the American Quilter's Society stages an amazing QuiltWeek event. The 2019 edition, running March 27-30 will feature all of the usual sewing, quilting, crafting, and artistic events that the convention has come to be known for, but this year a new "pop-up" will add a dash of fun to Friday's festivities in particular.

Show Director Bonnie Browning and Director of Education Liz Hammonds are hosting this new AQS QuiltWeek Pop-Up Quilt Exhibit on Friday at 12 noon sharp. The exhibit welcomes any attendee who's made a quilt to bring it to show off in a fun and cooperative way. Basically, quilting is all about coming together to share ideas and inspiration, so this new just-for-fun meet-up is



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perfect for quilters of all skill levels to admire each other's work. It's as easy as three steps:

1. Meet Bonnie and Liz at the AQS Learning Center (at the back of the exhibit hall) at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019.
2. Bring one of your favorite wall-hangings to share (it should be small enough that one person can carry it).
3. Bring a note card with your name, city, state, and quilt title and the technique you used printed on the card. Of course attendees are also welcome to come to the "pop-up" to simply see all of the quilts.

While the pop-up is just for fun, Quilt Week also sports an expertly juried quilt competition. The stakes are high at this competitive contest, with \$54,000 in cash prizes for the winning quilts. A highlight for show-goers is the menagerie of fine stitching and artistic composition as the entrant quilts are on display for all to appreciate.

But, QuiltWeek is far more than just hundreds of quilts on display. As fun as it is to see these grand textiles, the event also offers ways to put a thimble or two to work and learn hands-on from nationally recognized craft experts and instructors. No fewer than 14 skilled coaches will be teaching classes and hosting seminars at the convention.

These are award-winning quilters, published quilt-related authors, and colorful personalities that have decades of experience in the textile arts.

A massive merchant mall with over 70 different quilt and craft related vendors offers a way to scrap, scrimp, save, and shop the breadth of the industry's offerings, all under one roof. And of course many show-goers

choose to traverse Lancaster County's back roads visiting any number of the area's numerous fabric and sewing shops, some of which are quaintly located on Amish farms. If you are one of those readers who intends to explore the area's fabric stores – here's a tip. Do NOT miss Good's Store at the famous Shady Maple Complex, 717.354.4026, or Obie's Country Store, 717.445.4616. Both are conveniently located off of Route 23, and are only a short drive from one another. They offer different shopping experiences, but both have TONS of fabric.

Show hours are Wed.-Fri., 9 AM-5 PM, Sat., 9 AM-4 PM. Admission is offered in one-day, and multi-day combo packs. Pricing is as follows, Single Day – \$14.00, Two-Day – \$25.00, Multi-Day – \$35.00.



The Merchant Mall is a popular part of Quilt Week's festivities.

While the GPS address for the convention center is 25 S. Queen St., Lancaster, that's not the best way to find parking at the center. For the on-site parking garage, use 38 S. Duke St. A second parking garage, only two blocks away



from the center, is at 111 N. Prince St. If you are parking for more than 8 hours, a parking discount card is available at the Discover Lancaster booth inside the main lobby of the on-site Marriott hotel. Other area information regarding restaurants, entertainment, attractions, tours, and shops is available at this booth. More information on the American Quilter's Society show can be found at QuiltWeek.com or by calling 270.898.7903. 

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Antiquing

in Amish Country

by Brad Igou

What makes Lancaster County such a great place to “go antiquing?” One obvious answer would be that this area has a rich history going back hundreds of years to the first settlers in the early 1700’s. Many of us have stuff in our attics that we have forgotten about. Who knows what may be there waiting for an appearance on “Antiques Roadshow?”

Did you know that the Adamstown area alone has over 3,000 antiques dealers, and is known as “Antiques Capital, U.S.A.” The many locations stretch out along Route 272,

just off Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 286, such as **Shupp’s Grove** with its themed weekends, in a beautiful location among a grove of trees.

Renninger’s Antique Market, is another Adamstown original, known for being the first stop for dealers and buyers when shopping in Adamstown. Every Sunday before the birds get up activity is already starting at **Renninger’s Antique Market**. Dealer after

dealer arrive and begin to set up. You can feel the quiet frenzy of panic as buyers move around trying to view as much as possible. Suddenly you look at your watch and realize the indoor market is about to open...more fresh merchandise. You enter the indoor market with confidence that you have found the mother lode of Antiques and Collectibles.

And **Paradise** wouldn’t live up to its name along Route 30 in Lancaster without some antique stores. Popular with visitors is the **Cackleberry Farm Antique Mall**, with 26,000 square feet of merchandise from over 125 dealers — an antique hunters Paradise indeed!

Most of the antique shops are open on Sundays, making this an excellent weekend activity, whether you stay overnight or just drive in for the day. As the folks at **Shupp’s Grove** like to say, it’s all about “the thrill of the hunt and the euphoria of the big find!”



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Home goods, hardware, footwear, and some of the best toy varieties around also make this store a must-visit no matter where you are in Lancaster County. From locally made solid wooden toys, to popular games like croquet, corn-hole, quoits, Good's Store provides many ways to supply a fun spring family day out in the yard.

If you're in the area now, shop the store in person. Just call 717.354.4026 for hours and directions. If Lancaster County is in the rear-view mirror, then just point your browser to www.goodsstores.com. 

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Gifts That Make A Difference

By Brad Igou

Like many great ideas, it began as something simple. In 1972, four women opened the first MCC Thrift Shop in Altona, Manitoba. The project was projected to last 3-6 months. After six months, it had produced about \$1,000 for the work of MCC.

"More than 40 years later, their vision for creative use of local clothing and household surpluses has grown to be a North American network of over 100 shops, producing income for the programs of Mennonite Central Committee, more than \$16 million in the 2014/2015 fiscal year." For example, the MCC's global family education program pays for vocational training, helping people in some of the most poverty stricken regions of the world to develop skills which provide them with a sustainable livelihood, as well as development and peace projects.

On these two pages you can sample the wide selection of merchandise offered by six different shops in the Lancaster area. Frequent visits are recommended, because you never know what great bargain or unusual item might appear from one day to the next!



Since graduating from an MCC-supported tailoring program in Juba, South Sudan, in 2013, Anet Konga, right, has established herself as a well-known tailor in her community. Photo courtesy of Lindsay Linegar.

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The small-town of Ephrata embodies the best of downtown Amish Country. There is plenty to do in this venerated borough, including some excellent thrift shop bargain-browsing. The Ephrata Re-Uzit shop is located on Main St. right beside the old train station, now the town's visitor center, with plenty of free public parking including hitching rails for buggies, since the local Amish and Mennonite communities enjoy shopping here too. With one of the thrift shop



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Thrift Shop in Lancaster County. This is one of the largest thrift shops in the entire MCC-supporting network. Retail space alone accounts for 26,000 square feet of items on display, with the entire building occupying 40,000 square feet! There is plenty of furniture, clothing, crafts, gifts, decorations, small kitchen appliances, dishware, hardware, antiques, collectibles, and lamps available in this multi-floor shopper's delight. This store has selected items for half price every week based on the color of the price tag. In addition, there is a section for 50 cent clothing. Known for a bright, clean atmosphere with friendly, helpful staff, this Re-Uzit offers shoppers a fine way to spend an afternoon in Amish Country.

Morgantown ReUzit Shoppe **610.286.7233**

Situated along Route 23 in Morgantown (often considered the gateway to Amish Country from the east) sets a ReUzit shoppe full of treasures. Offering an array of quality items at very reasonable prices, you'll enjoy browsing through the different departments (such as clothing, housewares, vintage, fabric, toys, floral, and shoes), sitting and relaxing in the book area, or scoping out the 50¢ room full of clothing and shoes! Wherever you turn, you'll find a bargain. Every week features a 50% off sale of a certain color tag or department. New items put out every day! Don't forget to peruse the silent auction full of jewelry, collectibles, and valuable treasures! Shoppe hours are M-F 9 AM-5 PM and Saturdays 9 AM-3 PM.

The Main Street Closet **717.464.2038 www.mainstreetcloset.org**

Main Street Closet is an interesting shop in the center of Willow Street. This fun store has a little bit of everything for everyone. If you are a collector, stop in to see if you can find a special treasure. There is an ever-changing variety of household items, books, shoes, collectibles, games, toys, kitchen items, glassware, tools, holiday items and clothing for the entire family. Check out the silent auction items that continually change. Every week items with a different color price tag go on sale for 1/2 price throughout the store. From Lancaster take Route 272 south. Turn left on the second road past Kendig Square Shopping Mall, which is West Willow Road. Proceed several blocks to the corner of West Willow Road and 272 north. If traveling north on Route 272, turn left on West Willow Road to enter the parking lot.

With items on display at various stores above always changing, stop in at one or more of them and remember that you are not only helping yourself to quality merchandise at a fair price but helping other folks in need at the same time. 🐎



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On State St. at the south edge of Ephrata is a furniture and book warehouse not to be missed. Luxurious used leather couches and sectionals are available at fantastic prices, while a large selection of wooden furniture like hutches, dining room sets, and desks and end tables are on display beside an impressive variety of upholstered choices. Sharing space in this store is also an extensive selection of books and other media. Locals and visitors alike love that every purchase helps support disaster relief around the Country and the world. The easiest way to reach this store is to head North on Route 272 from Lancaster, taking State St. at the Y (use the Wendy's as a landmark) and turn right into the parking lot of the store directly after turning onto State St.

Re-Uzit Shop of New Holland **717.354.8355 www.newhollandreuzit.org**

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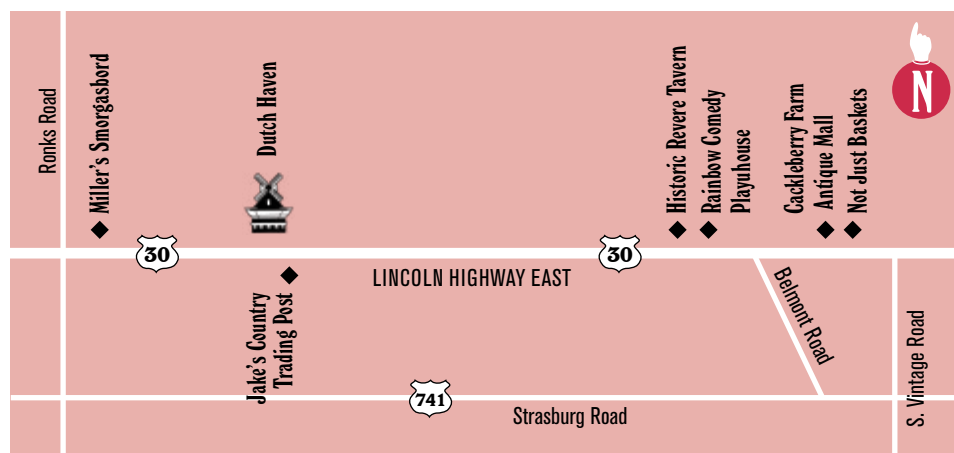


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For over 250 years, visitors coming into Lancaster County from the east have traveled through a small town known as Paradise, just one of the many intriguing town names in the area. Officially, Paradise

Township adopted the name during its organization in 1843.

Different sources credit different people with naming the area. Some say that the name Paradise was given by Joshua Scott, who

later become known for his map of Lancaster County. Standing in the middle of a road admiring his surroundings one day in 1804, he remarked that the town should be called Paradise, because its beauty made it "seem like a paradise."

The story of Paradise and its first settlers goes all the way back to Europe, to the area of the Palatinate in Germany. Here many Protestants settled following the declaration of



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King Louis XIV that all Protestants in France would be persecuted. With fears of invasion by the army of France looming, many of these people decided to accept the invitation to settle in William Penn's colony of Penn's Woods in the New World. In 1708, Daniel Fierre (Ferree), along with his family and mother Mary, went to England to obtain citizenship papers before proceeding to New York.

By 1712, these French Huguenot settlers had secured land in Pennsylvania, in Lancaster's Pequea Valley. They were the first white people in the area and lived peaceably with chief Tanawa and the local Indians. Mary Fierre died four years later at the age of 63. Hers became the first grave in the family's cemetery. If you ride the Strasburg Rail Road, the "Road to Paradise," you will pass her gravesite at Carpenter's Cemetery, one of Lancaster's oldest. (Not surprisingly, some people also credit Mary Ferree with naming Paradise.)

Later on, Joel Ferree, who some say was involved in the development of the Pennsylvania Rifle, gained some fame for his gun shop during the Revolutionary War. Responding to a letter from a committee that included Benjamin Franklin, he decided to enlarge his shop "to promote my Business and to serve my Country in the Common Cause," hoping to double his weekly production of 15 to 20 gun barrels.

Other important family names in Paradise history include Carpenter, Eshelman, Groff, Keneagy, Slaymaker, Lichty, Hershey, Frew, Denlinger, and Witmer. It should be noted that David Witmer, Sr. "is credited with the naming of the town of Paradise... Members of his own family criticized him for selecting the name 'Paradise' when he could have used 'Pequea' or 'Tanawa,' in honor of the Indian chief." David was apparently a friend of George Washington, and also a supervisor of a section of the Lancaster-Philadelphia Turnpike.

It was this road that was so important to the development of the village itself. The origins of Route 30, also known as the "Lincoln Highway," go back to Lancaster's colonial days when this frontier county needed a communication route between it and the provincial capital of Philadelphia. At that time, the first "planned" road between Philadelphia and Lancaster was what is now Route 340. It was called the "King's Highway," and today we still call it the "Old Philadelphia Pike."

Construction of the King's Highway began in 1733 and followed, in part, the old Allegheny Indian path. By modern standards, the name "highway" is really a misnomer because the road was only dirt, which became virtually impassable during rain and snow. As time went on, it became evident that the road

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could not accommodate the increasing traffic between Lancaster and Philadelphia.

A committee was created in 1786 to investigate the possibility of improving inland transportation within the state of Pennsylvania. The conclusion of the committee's work appeared on September 30, 1790, and resulted in the appointment of a commission to survey a route between Lancaster and Philadelphia.

Since the cost of such a road was too much for the state to undertake, the company charged with building it was given the

power to demand "reasonable" tolls from users. Investors received dividends earned from the tolls collected along the nine gates of the turnpike. (As the toll was paid, the gate or "pike" was turned, hence the term "turnpike.") To prevent travelers from evading tolls, the number of gates was later increased to thirteen.

The 1792 Act went on to describe the construction of the highway, which was to be a bed of small crushed stones on top with larger stones underneath, rather than dirt, so as to prevent carriage wheels from cutting into the soil. Such a revolutionary system of road




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construction combined the ideas recently developed by a Frenchman and two Englishmen, one of whom was named John McAdam. We now take the term for paved roads or “macadam” from his last name. The turnpike officially opened in 1795 and was the first long-distance, hard-surfaced road in the country.

Originating in the Conestoga Valley of Lancaster County, the Conestoga wagon made an important contribution to the commerce and progress of our young nation. With patriotic red running gear, white canopy, and blue body, the wagon traveled the turnpike and rural roads from the late 1700’s to the mid-1800’s. Pulled by horses specially bred by Lancaster farmers to combine speed with strength, the Conestoga wagons were used to carry produce from Lancaster to the Philadelphia markets.

The Conestoga wagon drivers often smoked thin, long cigars made from Lancaster County tobacco. These cigars were nicknamed “stogies,” a shortened version of Conestoga. Another bit of lore associated with the wagons is why Americans drive their cars on the right side of the road. The lead horse was kept to the left of the Conestoga wagon, and the teamsters walked or rode on the left side. Therefore, the drivers always passed other wagons headed the same direction on the left side.

Of course, taverns and stagecoach shops grew up along the turnpike for the weary travelers (and horses) making the trip. Of these, the Revere Tavern still proudly stands today. Dating back to 1740, the stone building that was the “stage tavern” was called the “Sign of the Spread Eagle.” It was one of the better inns along the 62 miles of turnpike, and catered to the more prosperous class of travelers, providing fine liquors and fine foods in generous portions to satisfy the hearty appetites generated by a long day riding a rocking, jolting stagecoach.

Almost a century later, in 1841, the tavern would become the residence of Reverend Edward V. Buchanan and his wife Eliza Foster Buchanan, while the Reverend established and served as the pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church in Paradise.

Eliza, his wife, was the sister of Stephen Foster, whose immortal songs will always be a part of America. Foster not only penned some of his music at the tavern, but sent many of his manuscripts to his sister, a talented musician in her own right, for her approval. There, on the banks of the Pequea Creek, Eliza and Stephen played many of the 200 songs written by Stephen, including “My Olde Kentucky Home,” “Way Down Upon the Swanee River” and “Oh, Susanna.”



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Nowadays, the Historic Revere Tavern remains an excellent place to dine, and continues to offer lodging accommodations, just as it did hundreds of years ago. The tavern can be reached at 717-687-8602. And the backroads around Paradise remain beautiful to this day, as the lush greens of the summer give way to the fall colors of the harvest season. So, during your visit to Lancaster, be sure to spend a little time in Paradise. 

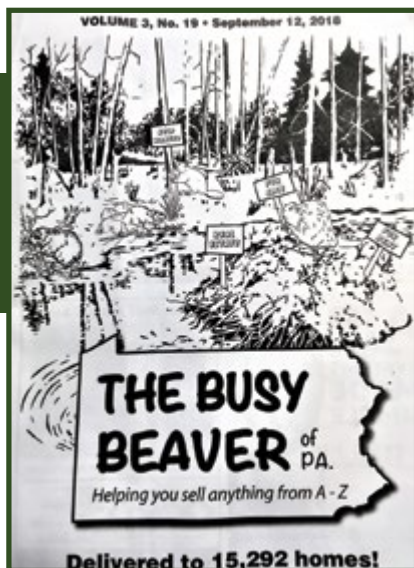
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Over the last few years, we have seen more and more publications aimed at the Amish community. Some of these are published by the Amish themselves. The idea of Amish publishers goes way back, however.

While not actually published by the Amish, "The Budget" was created by a printer in 1890, originally as a community "newspaper" for people in Sugarcreek, Ohio. The paper's popularity spread into other states, and by 1961 there was a "National Edition," which consisted "almost entirely of letters from Amish and Mennonite writers reporting news and lifestyle events from their own communities." You will not find state, national, or international news in its pages. Often called "scribes," the writers sent it the "news" about everything...weddings, crops, visitors, births, weather, and accidents.

Eventually, the Amish decided to create an identical publication more to their liking, and "Die Botschaft," or "The Message," was born. Scribes must be Old Order Amish or Old Order Team Mennonites only, and they receive "a subscription and free envelopes." Here is just a brief sample of what you might read in either publication...

Well, here we are in September already and sure feels like fall. It's a little on the cool side the last few days. Most oats are thrashed, seen neighbor Benny still has a few shocks down in lower part of field.



Published by Amish in Millersburg, PA, there are some interesting comments on what is allowed in the newspaper. "Improper letters, murders, or love poems or stories will not be printed," nor mystery or war stories. The publishers also warn that "before trying any medical advice, please consult your doctor first." And while there is some advertising,

it is minimal, and no photos of people are allowed in the ads.

Perhaps best known to many Amish is "Family Life," started in 1968 by Pathway Publishers in Aylmer, Ontario, and "dedicated to the promotion of Christian living among the plain people, with special emphasis on the appreciation of our heritage." This monthly magazine is filled with articles, stories, and poems written mainly by Amish. The folks at Pathway went on to produce "Blackboard Bulletin" for teachers, and "Young Companion" for Amish youth. Notably, these publications have no advertisements or photographs, only some hand-drawn illustrations from time to time.

This and the following article will look at two newer publications aimed at the sales and marketing of products and services to Amish and Plain communities. The "Busy Beaver" is the newer one and is purely an advertising piece, devoid of any articles or other information.

A bi-weekly publication out of Quarryville (southern Lancaster County), it is mailed to over 15,000 Amish homes, and is "mailed FREE to any horse and buggy people in PA as an advertising source to intertwine communities." Apparently started in the year 2016, those of us without a horse and buggy can subscribe for \$40 a year.

The goal of the Busy Beaver is to "help you sell anything from A - Z." Paging through the 175 pages or so, you will sometimes be amused, and other times bewildered, at some

- *Pygmy/Fainting baby goats for sale, born 7-9-18. 3 brown with markings, 2 black.*
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From around page 50 or so, the actual display ads begin. They are very simple, some even drawn by hand. You can learn a lot. The Bank of Bird-Hand, for example, has a mobile bank bus that parks at certain hours at different businesses, making it easier to do your banking in person, close to home. They even have a mobile app. (Yes, some Amish do have cellphones!) You also will see quite a few

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Amish Ads

Part 1 of 2 By Brad Igou

of the things you'll see. The first section is comprised of Classifieds or "Want Ads," very much as you would see in your own local newspaper, assuming you still have one. Here are a few samples, beginning with the many pages of horses or mules for sale....

- *Two mules for rent for fall work: \$10 per working day. Need them back to pick corn, about 10-20-18.*
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- *Family cow for sale. Fresh in May. Still milking 5 gallons per day.*
- *Raise your own pork! Feeder pigs available year round.*

ads for auctions, and other items you did not even know existed, unless you are a farmer. For example, don't overlook the Dura Bowl for drinking water, which is "the #1 choice by cattle and horses."

Reading "The Busy Beaver" has kept me busy, providing hours of both amusement and insight, as well as sometimes leaving clues as to what is even being described! It's a fascinating look into the world of the Amish here in Pennsylvania. 

Next month: We'll explore another fascinating publication, the **Plain Communities Business Exchange**, which is 26 years old and thriving, yet largely unknown to most people outside the Plain community.

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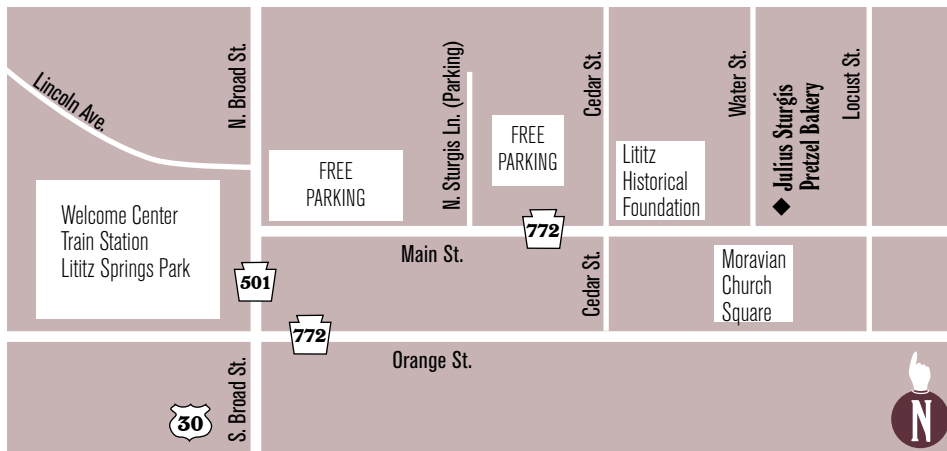
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Lititz Springs Park is a popular spot for locals, and the site for many community

activities. Indeed, the town's 4th of July Celebration, begun in 1818, is reputedly the "oldest continuing community-wide observance in the United States." Historians say the springs are what brought Indians to the area. Spearheads have been found nearby, dating back to perhaps 6,000 B.C. A recent local journal states that "Main Street was traveled by human beings for at least 10,000 years."

When you come to Lititz, you'll want to travel Main Street, too. A good place to begin is The Lititz Museum and Historical Foundation, which can be reached at

717.627.4636. The museum is one of the most tastefully and professionally arranged town museums you are likely to see anywhere. The exhibit rooms will give you background on the town's history, from its founding in 1756. Visitors are usually amazed at the two parquet clocks, made by resident Rudolf S. Carpenter in the early 1900's. The larger of the two consists of over 50,000 pieces of wood!

Admission to the museum includes a tour of the nearby Johannes Mueller House, for a look at life in old Lititz. The house is practically unchanged from its completion in 1792. For visitors interested in the town's historic structures, the Foundation also has an excellent walking tour brochure.

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The Lititz story is tied to that of the Moravian faith in Bohemia. It was in the present-day Czech Republic that John Hus and followers founded the Moravian Church in 1457. Historians note that since this was 60 years before Luther's Reformation, the Moravians may lay claim to being the oldest organized Protestant Church. But over the course of the Thirty Years War, its 200,000 members nearly disappeared. In the 18th century, a renewal of the Moravian Church came through the patronage of Count Zinzendorf of Saxony. He invited all those persecuted for their faith to come to his lands in Saxony.

As was the case with other persecuted religious groups in Europe, many Moravians sought freedom by taking the perilous journey to the New World, arriving in the early 1700's, with the main settlements becoming established in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Missionary work was integral to the faith, and preachers were sent from the Moravian community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Zinzendorf himself arrived in America in 1742. A local resident, John Klein (Kline), was so moved by hearing Zinzendorf's preaching that he made arrangements to transfer his lands over to the Moravian community in 1755. It was in the following year that the town

actually got the name of Lititz, the German spelling for Lidice, where European Moravian reformers had taken refuge in 15th century.

In addition to mission work, music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For about a hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. A Brothers' House and Sisters' House were erected for the unmarried men and women, although they did not live communally. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own houses. The Brothers' House played a role in the American Revolution. George Washington ordered it used as a military hospital between 1777-78. Some 1,000 soldiers were nursed here, about half of whom died and were buried nearby.

Two names are linked forever with the history of Lititz—Sturgis and Sutter. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places.

A tour of the bakery is unlike any other. Inside, you get to try your hand at pretzel twisting. It's not as easy as it looks. Guests also may see the old brick bake ovens, as well as the more modern facilities. The bakery can be reached at 717-626-4354.

John Sutter was born in Switzerland and in 1834, fleeing creditors in Europe, arrived in New York. In time, he headed west and sailed up the Sacramento River to begin a settlement. By 1848, work was being done on a mill when some gold flakes were spotted in the water. Soon Gold Rush fever struck and Sutter's land was overrun. Because of his need to be near Washington, D.C. while seeking reimbursement for his lost lands, the Sutters stayed one summer at the Springs Hotel in Lititz. They decided to settle there, and promptly bought a home and placed their children in school. The hotel is now known as the General Sutter Inn, and the Sutter home built in 1871 is across the street at 19 East Main Street.

It was in a Washington hotel room where Sutter died in 1880, still involved in unsuccessful attempts at redress from the government for his seized lands. Sutter, a Lutheran, was buried in the Moravian cemetery, normally reserved for Moravian church members. 



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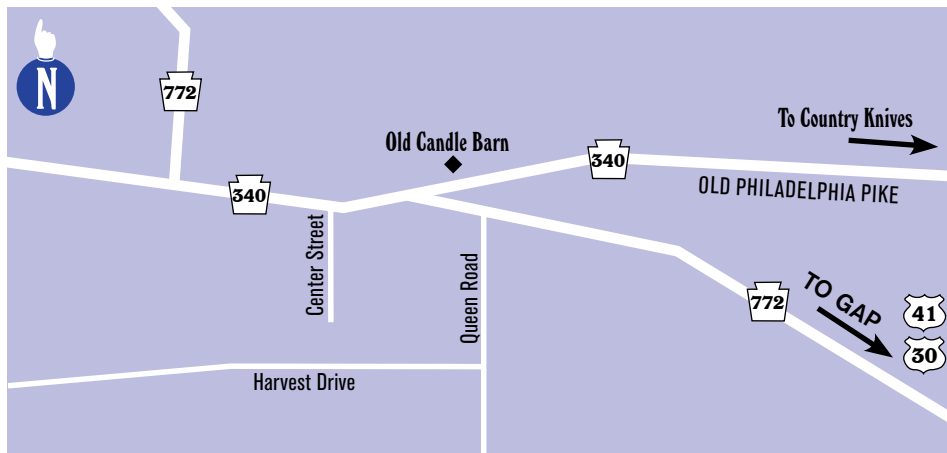
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Probably no other town in Amish Country can claim its fame is owed largely to one simple thing --- its name. For years people have come to this town to

send letters home with the name stamped boldly on the envelope... Intercourse, PA. Some visitors even ask where the university is located in town (there is none) because

they see so many T-shirts emblazoned with "Intercourse University." Local businesses have received phone calls from people chastising them for using "that word" in their marketing. (They did not believe there was a town with that name.)

Perhaps it says more about us these days, that we can find so much to get worked up about in one word. Those of us who live here simply take all the fuss in stride. After all, we live in a county that has other interesting town names, including Bird-in-Hand, Blue Ball, and Paradise. There are several explanations on how the town got its name, and they are woven into the brief history that follows.

In the beginning, of course, there was very little here, just settlers arriving in the New World from Europe. Back around 1730, the Old Provincial Highway (or Old Philadelphia Pike, Route 340) was laid out. It was to connect Philadelphia with the inland town of Lancaster and to serve as the main transportation route west for settlers. Conestoga wagons, pulled by six to eight horses, hauled supplies and freight back and forth between the two towns. Taverns sprouted along the way, providing rest for travelers and horses. As is the case with turnpike exits today, towns and businesses often grow up around such "stops." In the old days, the taverns were centers for news, gossip, and business transactions.

And that is how the town got started when the first building, a log tavern, was constructed in 1754. The Newport Road, a former Indian trail, came from Newport, Delaware to the south and went to Mount Hope, near the Cornwall ore mines. It is believed that because this north-south road intersected here with the east-west highway,

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An Amish INTRODUCTION

by Brad Igou

Here in Lancaster County, over 35,000 Amish (pronounced Ah-mish) serve as living reminders of a quieter time, a time when the horse and buggy was the mode of transportation and families lived and died in the same small communities.

The first Amish, so named for Jakob Ammann, arrived in Lancaster County and nearby Berks and Chester counties in the early 1700s to take part in William Penn's "Holy Experiment" of religious freedom in Pennsylvania.

Originally called Anabaptists, they came to America from Europe to escape religious persecution by both Protestants and Catholics. For this reason, while they are Christians, most do not consider themselves to be either Protestant or Catholic. The county is now home to three Anabaptist groups called the Amish, Mennonite and Brethren.

In 1525, after the Reformation, a group of Swiss Brethren felt that only adults should be baptized. They met secretly in a member's home and confirmed their faith by re-baptizing each other as adults, even though they had been baptized as infants in the state church. Thus, they became known as Anabaptists, which means re-baptizers.

Because of their beliefs in adult baptism, non-violence, and separation of church and

state, they were viewed as "radicals," and thousands were tortured and killed in the following years. Sometimes referred to as the "Radical Reformation," the religion nevertheless spread into other areas of Europe. In time, the different Anabaptist groups became known as Mennonites, after the greatest of the Anabaptist leaders, Menno Simons.

It was in 1693, after a time of some controversy in the church, that Ammann broke away to form a group he felt more strictly adhered to the founding beliefs and practices of the first Anabaptists.

The differences between the various Amish, Mennonite, and Brethren groups are their interpretations of the Bible, their uses of modern technologies such as automobiles and electricity, the values they place on education, their uses of English, and their degrees of interaction with outsiders.

The Amish believe that "worldliness" keeps one from being close to God, so they choose to live without many modern conveniences and technology, such as cars, television, videos, etc. Rather than use electricity off the grid for appliances and machinery, they have propane stoves and refrigerators. The Amish are not opposed to something because it is new or modern, but rather concerned about what influences and impact such things may bring. Likewise, uniformity and plain dress have for generations indicated humbleness, a

lack of interest in worldly fashion, and a commitment to the Amish way of life.

They do not live in seclusion from the rest of the world. Amish farms can be seen interspersed with modern farms throughout the countryside, and there is much daily interaction between the Amish and the non-Amish ("English") community, especially for those Amish "cottage industries" which produce and sell items such as quilts and furniture to the "English." In fact, today in Lancaster, less than half of the Amish make their living off farming, due to the scarcity and high price of farmland, as well as the low prices for milk, and the rapidly growing Amish population (the Amish population is estimated to double every 20 years.)

Contrary to popular belief, the Amish do not live the same way they did 300 years ago. They have adopted many things to make life easier, but are careful not to accept new technology without considering its effects on their family, community, and religious beliefs.

"Amish" is, therefore, a religion. Respect the belief against photography. Remember that the Amish are not saints or holy people, nor are they actors or curiosities to ride around and take pictures of. They are people, like you, who have chosen a particular religion and lifestyle, while trying to navigate the ever changing waters of modern technology and the influence of the media. For those of us who live here, they are also our friends and our neighbors. 

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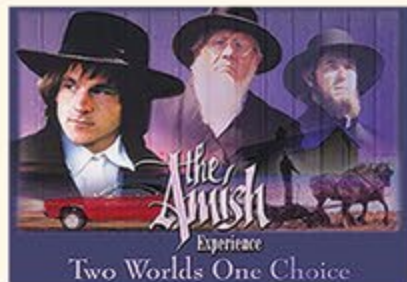
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the tavern took "Cross Keys" as its name. That was true at least until 1814, when it was named Intercourse in a real estate scheme to establish a more sizable town. George Brungard had acquired 48 acres of land north of the roads in 1813. He attempted to lay out a town site and divide it into sections for sale by a lottery, advertising "151 handsome building lots of \$250 each to be drawn for by number."

As to why Brungard chose the name Intercourse, if he did, perhaps an explanation is in the wording of the newspaper advertisement, which noted "the great importance of so many turnpikes and great leading roads intersecting at and near this

place." As one writer has noted, "in the written annals of early days, 'intercourse' had a common usage referring to the pleasant mutual fellowship and frequent intermingling which was so much more common in the informal atmosphere of the quiet country village of that day."

And this brings us to yet another theory on the town's name. From the east end of town, on a mile long straightaway, horse races were conducted. Since the races began at that end of town, this was the "Enter Course," and this name eventually became Intercourse. Indeed, a postal historian, Arthur B. Gregg claims that the town's name was actually changed from "Entercourse" to "Intercourse," and notes

that "there was no hesitancy on the part of the United States Post office Department to accept the name 'Intercourse' since it meant a commercial or trading site."

But back to our story and Brungard's scheme. Although lotteries had been used for many years to sell various things, his real estate lottery failed, and most of the land was combined into one tract. More recently, in 1971, another person tried to take advantage of the town's name and sell one-inch square plots of property to visitors. This plan proved to be a flop as well.

In the old days, there were only five houses, counting the inn, and the town grew slowly. Another tavern, the Travelers Rest Inn, was built in 1827, on land that was part of the original William Penn land grant. (One story associated with this inn is that when the building was purchased in the 1930's, Amish church leaders requested the deed state alcoholic beverages would never be served there again due to problems that had arisen in the past.)

Two other taverns were just outside of town, the Hat Tavern to the east and the Duke of Wellington to the west. A store was built in 1833, and more houses were constructed on the north and south sides of the road. In 1857, a brick schoolhouse was built at a cost of \$699. The Intercourse School, a one-room school built in 1882, is today the area library, but over the years was used for public meetings, spelling bees, and even for Mennonite Sunday School classes.

Getting the aforementioned post office up and running was another matter. The main problem was finding a building and someone willing to perform the duties of a postmaster. The first postmaster, Benjamin Fraim, performed his duties from the Cross Keys Tavern, and may have had a job working there, since "his income, based on a percentage of the postal transactions for the year ending 1829 was only \$8.21." And so it was that over the years, the post office moved to stores or restaurants whose owners hoped visits by local residents would increase their business as well. (After a great deal of work on the part of many citizens, Intercourse was designated a first class post office in 1990.)

By 1880, Intercourse had 54 homes and a population of 280, and transportation continued to play an important part in town history. The local stagecoach service apparently started around 1898. It was "a single horse conveyance similar to a market wagon, with a roll-up curtain and double set of seats." The stagecoach brought items from Lancaster City for local Intercourse businesses, and even picked up milk, butter, and eggs for delivery

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to Lancaster restaurants and industries, including an ice cream plant. One history of Intercourse notes that when it snowed, a bobsled was used instead. "When the driver knew of passengers beforehand, their comfort was added to by many a hot brick heated the night before in the oven, and wrapped in newspaper to preserve its warmth."

By 1910, the road through town improved with a stone bottom until it was paved by 1920. As the days of the dirt road drew to a close, so too did the stagecoach days with the Rowe Motor Truck service started by Coleman Diller in 1910. In 1923 the Penn Highway Transit Company was organized and initiated bus service to Lancaster. It is noted that "many of the Amish residents of the area were anxious to see the line started, but did not care to subscribe to stock. Instead they liberally bought books of tickets which were really prepaid bus fares." By 1924 enough money was raised to buy a Mack Auto Bus for \$6,800. It held 25 passengers and even had solid rubber tires! The business was soon purchased by John Burkey, and a bus with pneumatic tires was purchased. He named it "Miss Lancaster," notwithstanding objections from the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.



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Community banks were another feature of town life. The First National Bank was opened in 1908. The building with its Colonial Revival architecture, is on the National Historic Register and is now the home of one

of the town's unique attractions, the American Edged Weaponry Museum.

Communications improved with the formation of the Intercourse Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1909, and operators worked the exchange, often out of their homes, until the dial system came along in 1951.

There have always been a lot of businesses in the town in relation to its size. The two well-known stores in town were Wenger's General Store and Zimmerman and Sons. Opened in 1833, Wenger's was the first store in town. It was later operated by the Eaby family and a hardware store annex was built featuring a hand-operated elevator, which remains to this day. Ultimately, it was owned by a family named Worst, resulting in jokes about "the Worst store in Intercourse." Today these buildings are the Old Country Store, and the Village Pottery.

Zimmerman's gained fame when Harrison Ford made a phone call from its porch in the movie WITNESS. The present store was built in 1892 after the famous town fire. In the old days, there was lots of trading, with farmers exchanging items like hides, butter, and even soap for store merchandise. April 1st was the yearly date when each party paid the other whatever the balance was in the exchanges of the year. On more than one occasion the store ended up with too much of an item, and sometimes excess soap and rags were sold to the Lancaster County Prison. Over the years, the store had the town's first mechanical refrigeration, first radio set, and first gasoline pump.

Other businesses around town over the years included harness and buggy shops, a hosiery mill, blacksmiths, bakery, furniture, brick kiln, and farm equipment, with Smoker Elevator Company known nationally. For a while, a large pond near town provided ice to five area businesses. "The ice was stored in chopped straw and sawdust... Filling the ice houses in the cold winter events was quite an event and took on a holiday aspect."

Since the town never really got to be "too large," it has retained much of its sense of community, from the little public library in a former one-room school to the volunteer fire company. Over the years there have been an Improvement Association, Literary Society, Death Benefit Association, Debating Society, and Merchants Association. Surrounded by farms, the town has grown little and retains much of its former charm, even when thousands of visitors descend upon it during the tourist season.

Religion always played an important part in community life, as could be seen by the various nearby churches --- Episcopal,

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Many residents and visitors enjoy the atmosphere of this small town, a place where family, community, religion, and hard work are still important values. The village of Intercourse has certainly changed over the years, but it has changed slowly, and "sometimes the things that grow the slowest are the ones that endure the longest." 

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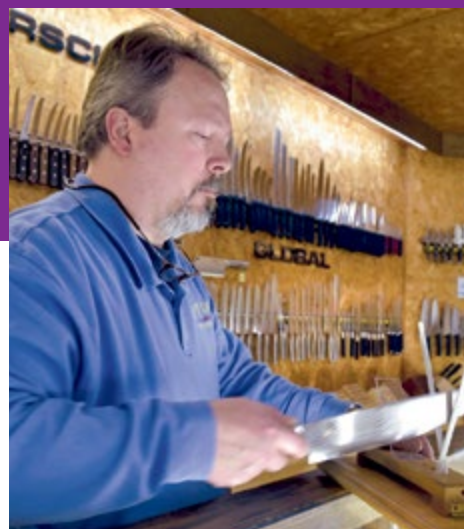
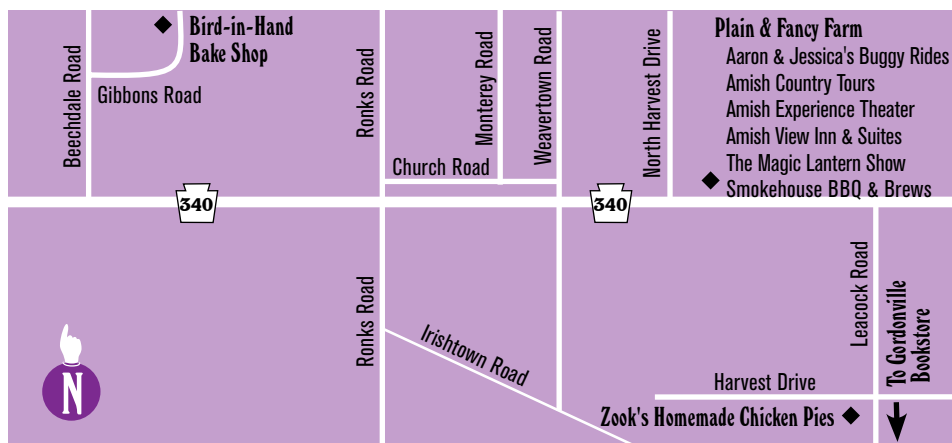




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no governing body. When Bird-in-Hand celebrated its 250th Anniversary (1734 – 1984), a commemorative booklet was put together. It outlined a brief history of the town...

The area's first inhabitants were, of course, the Native Peoples of Pennsylvania, in this case

the Shawnees and the Conestogas. Indeed, local farmers have unearthed tomahawks and arrowheads.

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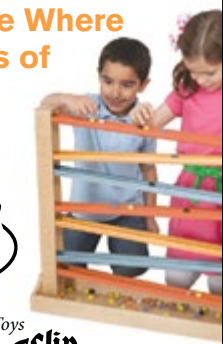


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A friendly relationship existed between the Indigenous people and the early settlers. The Native People taught them how to deaden trees, use deerskin, prepare corn as food, and use medicinal herbs. But as the white settlement grew, there was less hunting available, and many Natives became peddlers or beggars.

"When the Old Philadelphia Pike became a well-established route of transportation for those traveling west to the Alleghenies, Lancaster became known as the gateway to the west." The trip by stagecoach for passengers, or Conestoga wagon with freight and merchandise, lasted several days. Inns were built every few miles, identified with signs held by an iron pole or attached to the side of the building.

The reason for these signs was twofold. First, they could be understood by all nationalities. Most travelers were either English or German-speaking people, but other languages were not uncommon. Secondly, many teamsters or wagoners were poorly educated and could not read. If they were given orders to stop at a certain inn, they could do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard. Some of the signs hanging along the Old Philadelphia Pike other than Bird-in-Hand were The Ship, The Wagon, The Plough, The Buck, White Horse, Black horse, The Hat and others.

The old legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand concerns the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out between Lancaster and Philadelphia. By 1734, road surveyors were making McNabb's hotel, built by pioneer landowners William and Dorothy

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McNabb, their headquarters rather than returning to Lancaster every day for lodging.

Legend says that two road surveyors were discussing whether they should stay at their present location or go to the town of Lancaster to spend the night. One of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," and so they remained. The sign in front of the inn is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched," and soon was known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn.

"The last hand-painted sign featuring the bird in hand was done by Benjamin Elmer Leaman and his artwork merely portrayed a bird in a hand." Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. Some residents might say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality.

The original hotel was destroyed by fire about 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it by Benjamin Groff. It was auctioned off for \$8,457 in 1853, and over the years has had several owners. In the early 1900's, there were foxhunts from the hotel, as well as horse and cow sales.

Of course, with all the wagon traffic on the pike, milestones were placed along the road to help travelers with distances. One of them still can be seen just west of the village



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toward Smoketown. Since Bird-in-Hand is 60 miles from Philadelphia and about 6 miles from Lancaster, the stone marker reads "60 to P, 6 to L." This was chiseled deep into the stone, supposedly so that those traveling at night could feel the lettering and know their location, even without a light.

The year 1834 marked the beginning of construction of the 86-mile Pennsylvania Railroad line between Philadelphia and Columbia. Bird-in-Hand, with its tanneries, feed mills, coal and lumberyards, was the most important stop on the Lancaster to Coatesville section. "Different contractors each built two miles of track. The first track had no wooden

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ties, but rather huge stone blocks were laid about 20 feet apart and a wooden beam was laid between them. A piece of light iron track was then spiked to the beam. One could take a stagecoach, change the wheels, and put it on the tracks and pick up passengers." Horses were used to pull the cars. In 1836 a second track was laid and locomotives began pulling the cars. Horses were banned ten years later.

After a large fire in 1896, people discussed the need for a fire company. In the early days, hitting a circular saw alerted the men of a fire. The year 1916 saw the change from horse-drawn to motorized fire equipment. Today the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company remains a volunteer organization, famous for its delicious fund-raiser dinners.

The town of Bird-in-Hand remained relatively unknown until a musical called *PLAIN & FANCY* opened in New York. "Plain Betsy," a play by Marion Bucher Weaver of Columbia, inspired the Broadway musical. The cast was brought to Bird-in-Hand on January 17, 1955, prior to the official opening. The show *Playbill* noted that "The action takes place in and around Bird-in-Hand, a town in the Amish country of Pennsylvania." The musical opened with a large map of Lancaster County, pinpointing its unusual town names, like Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. As the show begins, we meet two sophisticated New Yorkers who have come to Lancaster to sell a farm they have inherited. They are now lost, and in the big opening number ask the locals for directions --- "Where the heck is Bird-in-Hand?" Today, the town of Bird-in-Hand is still small, said to have a population of only about 300 people. On any given day, there may be more visitors than inhabitants. Many

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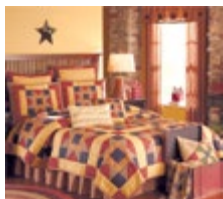
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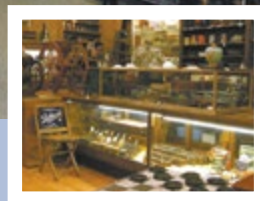
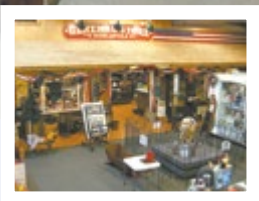
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French fur traders opened up the first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River—known as “Minqua’s Path.” As early as 1716, when the first wagon was used for hauling goods between Philadelphia and Lancaster County, it became known as the Conestoga Road. The first wagoner was John Miller. By 1717 there were two more wagons, and the first to be described as a Conestoga Wagon.

During the next half century, traffic on this road increased considerably—and Main Street Strasburg was developed. The first buildings appeared in the village about 1733. A traveler, who drove through during the second half of the 18th century, described it as a village of log houses.

In fact, the 1769 tax returns list several houses—53 log, 29 brick and four stone.

Strasburg was second only to Lancaster Borough in terms of relative wealth.

Strasburg flourished in the 18th century primarily because of its location along the major wagon routes between Philadelphia, Lancaster and the Susquehanna River. Strasburg was one of the principal stopping stations and, with the heavy wagon traffic, there were as many as eight or ten taverns or “ordinaries” here.

No doubt the religious nature of the first settlers was responsible for the village becoming a center for worship and education. In 1816, when the village was incorporated into a Borough, the name Strasburg was selected, undoubtedly named for the Cathedral City from which the “Swissers” came—Strasburg in Alsace.

Wealthy doctors and clergy, and an interest in worship and education, made Strasburg

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a cultural and educational center for the region. The first formal school opened in 1790, a classical academy where Greek and Latin were taught.

These academic enterprises were followed during the 19th century by a flood of schools. In 1823, by an act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, an Academy was established in which “the languages, arts, and sciences will be taught.”

The year 1839 marked the founding of the Strasburg Academy at 37 East Main (the present day Limestone Inn Bed & Breakfast was the headmaster’s home and housed boarding students). The Academy gained the

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reputation of being one of the best academies in the country for both boarding and day students, and its students came from all over the East Coast and as far away as Cuba and Puerto Rico.

In 1841, a classical school for girls, the "Strasburg Female Seminary," opened at 17 East Main. Such a school for girls was quite unusual at that time.

Most of the older houses along Main Street were at one point private schools and academies and with many of the structures still intact, the Strasburg Borough Council enacted an ordinance in 1970 that created a Historic District, in order to maintain the charm and historical significance of the

Village. East Main, West Main and Miller (a continuation of West Main), plus Decatur Street constitute the Historic District, which is approximately 2 miles long, comprises 82.5 acres, and contains 193 buildings.

A significant aspect of the Historic District is the survival rate of the oldest buildings. At least 12 of the 29 oldest brick structures survive, all four of the oldest stone houses are still intact, and there are at least two dozen log houses still standing in the district, putting the survival rate of pre-1815 houses at approximately 50%.

As Strasburg flourished, so did its neighbor to the east, Philadelphia. The commercial interests of Philadelphia pressured the State

Legislature to improve the transportation network into their city. As a result, an internal improvements bill passed in 1826 to construct a series of canals. The Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road was also incorporated with financing provided by the state.

With these undertakings, Strasburg residents became alarmed at the possibility of losing their commercial position and from this concern emerged the Strasburg Rail Road. In 1832 a charter was secured from the Pennsylvania Legislature to construct a rail line connecting Strasburg with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road main line near Paradise. Due to financial difficulties, the project was delayed until finally put in running order in 1852. But this shortline between Strasburg and Paradise was not financially successful for many reasons. 

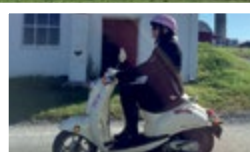


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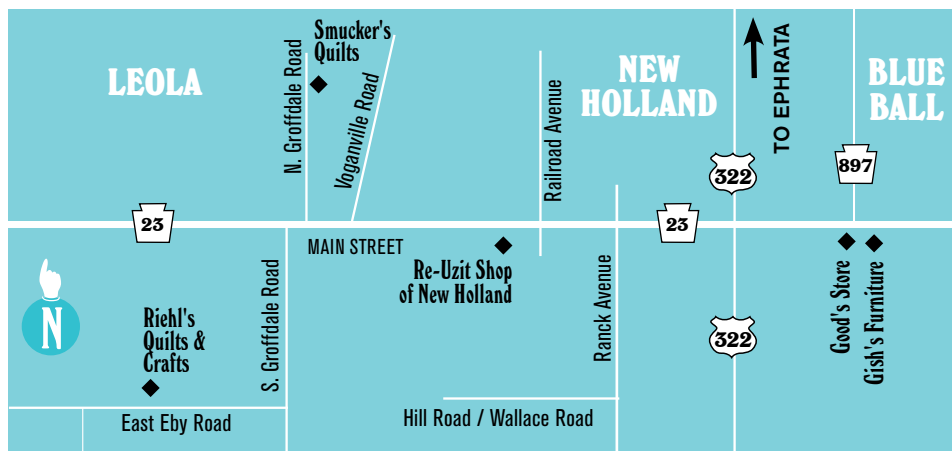
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New Holland's European Background

The unstable situation in Europe in the late 1600's spawned and nurtured the pioneer interest in the deep forest lands of Pennsylvania—60 miles inland from Philadelphia. In 1681 William Penn received his 40,000 square-mile land grant to settle King Charles' debt to his father. Being a Quaker, William Penn had experienced religious persecution firsthand, and decided to

The northeastern part of Lancaster County offers many intriguing small towns and attractions. Coming from Ephrata on Route 322, you will arrive in Blue Ball and the intersection with Route 23. The town got its name from the Blue Ball Hotel,

built more than two hundred years ago. In the early 18th century, John Wallace built a small building in Earl Town at the intersection of two Native trails, French Creek Path (now Route 23) and Paxtang (Route 322). He hung a blue ball out front from a post and called it



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establish his American colony on the idealistic basis of complete religious freedom.

This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War has raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. Some towns were burned out two or three separate times during the period. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area.

These Palatinate peasants were exhausted by war's desolation, and were ripe for a new start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony found willing ears. In addition to complete religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. The stated price was 100 English pounds for 5,000 acres. (At today's rate exchange, this would be less than \$.06 an acre, plus a small annual "quit rent.") By the year 1702, a goodly number of Palatinates had immigrated to Pennsylvania, and Queen Anne, newly reigning in England, was delighted that Penn was colonizing his immense grant without drawing off the population of Britain.

The area now called New Holland was practically covered by virgin forests—sturdy timber of oak, ash, chestnut, and walnut. By 1728, William Penn, had been dead for 10 years and his American colony, called Pennsylvania and was being administered by a proprietary governor while the sale of land was formalized by patent deeds.

Land Acquisition

If you are exasperated by delays in today's real estate transaction, you would have been appalled by the system in place in 1728. First, you selected a spot which you could afford, and then you notified the proprietary government of your claim. Sometime, probably years later, a surveyor would appear and survey the property to your name and put it on the County map. Then, sometime (years) later you would be notified to pay your purchase money and pick up your formal Deed. However, from the time you selected the plot you had "squatter's rights" as if you formally owned it.

In the case of John Diffenderfer, the specific record shows that he applied for the land he chose to live on in 1728. The land was surveyed and placed on the County map in 1735. The deed was finally issued to him on March 22, 1758 after 30 years.

Naming the Town

In 1729 the Proprietary Legislature started to establish inland counties, and the following year Lancaster County was divided into

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17 townships. Because the first settler in this general area was at Groffdale, the township was named after him, with the English equivalent of his German name which is Earl. Consequently the settlement was referred to as "Earltown." Michael Diffenderfer named his real estate development New Design in 1750. In 1802 when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no dissension to naming the town New Holland.

The Dutch assistance is thought to have included funds to cover the cost of the refugee German immigrants' ocean voyage. It was no small matter when the alternative was indentured service for a period of years. For adults, indenture frequently meant four to seven years without pay. Minors served until their 21st birthday. But William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was a liberation compared to the Europe they fled. Except for the Netherlands, there was no other country that offered complete freedom of religion, assembly and speech to all.

The village founders were German, not Dutch. They were surrounded by English and Welsh Quakers, Episcopalians, a few Swiss-German Mennonites and some Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. The Amish arrived later.

Tribulations of the Settlers

Although these pioneer settlers of found all they had hoped for in peaceful existence and freedom of worship, it should not be thought that this was necessarily a land of "milk and honey." There were many hardships during these early years. Swarms of locusts ravaged the area in 1732. Severe earthquakes were active throughout eastern Pennsylvania in 1737. Two successive seasons of poor crops (1750-51) followed by

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three years of drought (1752-54). A hailstorm in 1763 dropped hailstones as large as turkey eggs killing many small animals. During the very hard winter of 1780 twenty inches of ice formed on the ponds, and the ears of sheep and cattle had frozen.

Public Roads—Legends vs. Facts

New Holland was laid out as a "street town" in the typical European style of having the villagers live in a central location along both sides of the street, but each having an outlying plot of land to cultivate in addition to his trade as a craftsman. Even today, the main street of New Holland has major "kinks"

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WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE

The Downpour - Caught in the Rain

Michael A. Sheely – Lancaster, PA

We felt this was one of those once-in-a-lifetime camera shots and, along with the story behind it, we gave it Our Grand Prize. Michael explains, "I was following a storm cloud one day, when I got on a road parallel to the Conestoga Creek between Stumptown Bridge Rd. and Hunsecker Bridge Rd. covered bridges. Just as the cloud let loose, this Amish man was turning his team of horses, and this biker was coming off the road just below the field. As the biker passed the farmer, he looked back and waved. The Amish man returned the gesture. I had just a split second to snap the shot from my car window. I presented prints to both of them a few weeks later."



2ND PLACE

Spring Planting Time

Raymond Smecker – Churchtown, PA

Ray has submitted quite a few photographs to us over the years, and has published a couple books. He captures wonderful scenes around the county, and especially near his home in Churchtown. "I took this a few years ago while searching for the right plant. It was at an Amish greenhouse, and we got a welcoming plant for my mom who had to come and live with us due to poor health. She loved the plant and the picture too!"



1ST PLACE

Farmland Nativity

Victoria Wagner –
Athens, PA

The composition of this photo in black and white with the farmlands behind made for a unique and artistic picture, and we felt it merited the First Place prize. Victoria emailed us, "This photo was taken in Lancaster in December of 2014. I just loved this life size manger scene with such an awesome background of Amish country."

3RD PLACE

Girls at the Railroad

Zelda A. Rowley – Lancaster, PA

This photo is of Mennonite girls at the Strasburg Railroad. Are they taking their picnic baskets and going on a ride? Zelda told us, "I found these 3 old photos from years ago. I scanned them into my computer, sent them to my son, and he put them in jpeg form (I'll be truthful - I don't know a jpeg from a dpi!). I love taking photos, but I am not very technologically savvy. I just have a little Nikon Coolpix that fits in my jeans pocket and goes everywhere with me. I am strictly point and shoot."



HONORABLE MENTION *Baling Fodder*

Michael Sturgeon - Cleveland, TN

Sometimes farmwork is a family affair, as is the case here in Michael's photo. A woman guides the mules (and one horse?) as they pull the machinery that creates the bales, in this case corn fodder (dried corn stalks). The wagon will then be hauled back to the barn where the bales will be stored for use over the winter. Michael is a professional photographer doing portraiture and weddings, so this was not his normal subject matter!



JUDGE'S PRIZE

Old Leacock Church

Joe Grace – Elkton, MD

On busy Route 340, Leacock Presbyterian Church (circa 1754) seems now to be a forgotten. "The cemetery dates back to the Revolutionary War and the remains of war heroes can be found in this cemetery. The torn, but still flying American flag watches over those from Lancaster County who gave their lives for our freedom. We celebrate Memorial Day and Veterans Day but the other 363 days a year we tend to forget and just 'drive by.'" Judging the photo contest took place at the time of the federal government shutdown, and the tattered flag perhaps also reminds us of our divided nation. 



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or bends in it. Unsympathetic visitors claim it looks as if the town were built along a "cow path." If one looks with a discerning eye, the street also follows the high ground. The land on the ridge was the driest and in winter it would be blown clear of much of the snow. These settlers made the obvious facts of nature work for them rather than against them.

Surveying as practiced in the 1700's was not a precise craft. The records show that the Horse Shoe Road was 1 of only 3 public roads in early Lancaster County. (Today it's mostly Route 23.) It was surveyed in 1737 to connect Lancaster with the Coventry Iron works in Chester County. But in 1795, when Earl Township supervisors had it

resurveyed, they found the correct location where it passed through New Holland was somewhat to the south of the existing Main Street. Furthermore, through the town itself the roadway was only 33 feet wide instead of the 50 feet supposedly specified. The town citizens appealed to the County Court for relief, which was granted, so the Horse Shoe Road through New Holland was accepted as it existed in fact, and the maps were changed accordingly. Most of Main Street remains only 33 feet wide today. New Holland is a charming small town similar to many small towns in rural America. The strength of New Holland lies in its people, who "want to be free to work hard, strive for excellence, and have a pride in their rich heritage." 

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I lived and taught English in Japan for eight years, interestingly when the Harrison Ford movie WITNESS set in Lancaster came out. As a fan of cinema, I saw many Japanese films, and those of Akira Kurosawa are known around the world, THE SEVEN SAMURAI being the most famous.

Late in his life in 1990, Kurosawa made a movie called DREAMS. Michael Brook described the film as follows, and I have selected his descriptions of some of the segments...

This is essentially eight separate short films, though with some overlaps in terms of characters and thematic material, chiefly that of man's relationship with his environment... "The Peach Orchard" - a young boy encounters the spirits of the peach trees that

Firewood mostly. You don't feel right chopping down trees, but enough fall down by themselves. We cut them up and use them as firewood. And if you make charcoal from the wood, just a few trees can give you as much heat as a whole forest. Yes, and cow dung makes good fuel, too. We try to live the way man used to; that's the natural way of life. People today have forgotten they're really just a part of nature. Yet they destroy the nature on which our lives depend. They always think they can make something better... The most important things for human beings are clean air and clean water, and the trees and grass that produce them. Everything is being dirtied, polluted forever. Dirty air, dirty water --- dirtying the hearts of man.

PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE

AMISH Japanese Dreams

By Brad Igou



have been cut down by heartless humans. "The Tunnel" - a man encounters the ghosts of an army platoon, whose deaths he was responsible for... "Mount Fuji in Red" - nuclear meltdown threatens the devastation of Japan. "Village of the Watermills" - a sunny portrait of a village whose population is entirely at one with nature.

The segment that caught my attention was this last one, beautifully photographed. A man who apparently is from the city, comes to this almost mythical village, which seems to be of another time in Japan. He starts to talk to one of the old men working there. I immediately saw some interesting parallels to the Amish. The following dialog is taken from the subtitles in English...

"There's no electricity here?"

Don't need it. People get too used to convenience. They think convenience is better. They throw out what's truly good.

"But what about lights?"

We've got candles and linseed oil."

"But night's so dark!"

Yes, that's what night is supposed to be. Why should night be as bright as day? I wouldn't like nights so bright you couldn't see the stars.

"You have [rice] paddies but no tractors to cultivate them?"

Don't need them. We've got cows, and horses.

"What do you use for fuel?"

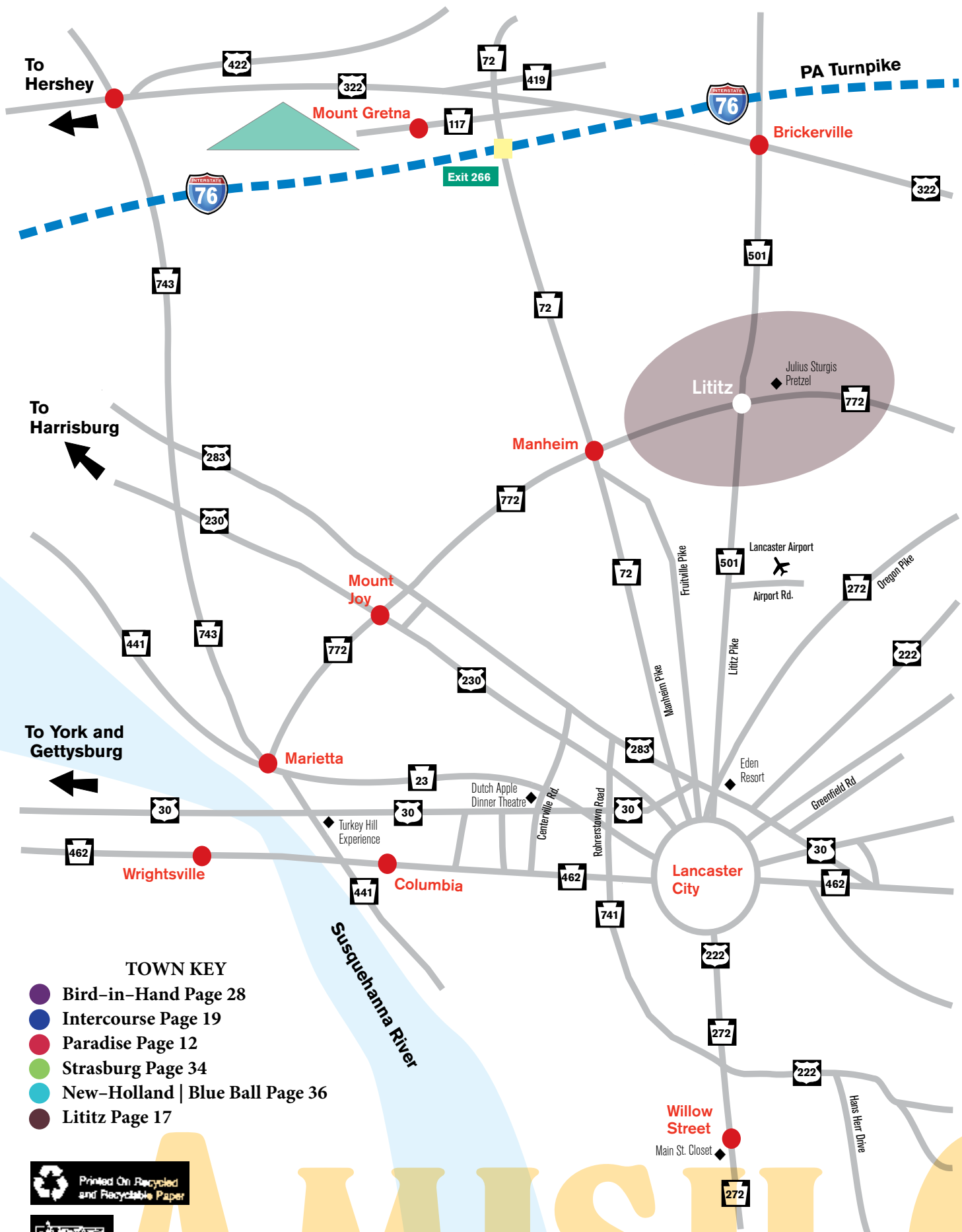
An American professor actually wrote a fascinating paper on the similarities between the Amish and traditional Japanese village life. We can tend to have a rosy-eyed, nostalgic view of the Amish and, in fact, rural ways of life around the world.

I believe this comes from our angst over our constantly changing lifestyle, particularly when compared to fast-paced city life. In New York, you can walk by a thousand people in a day, none of whom you know. In our closeness, we are strangers.

This is in contrast to my experience in the town in Costa Rica where I lived for three years. I went nightly to the Parque Central to hang out, meet friends, people watch, and just see who walked by that I might know. That tradition largely disappeared with the coming of home entertainment (DVDs, streaming movies, the internet). There are few places left in the world where people are truly isolated from the modern world.

Our universe of friends can expand dramatically online, although we might not know our next-door neighbors. Do we have a sense of "community" where we live, where people know and care about each other? Can individuality and community co-exist?

As technology and lifestyles change, it never hurts to take a look at one's life, what is important, what we have gained, and what we have lost, if only in our dreams. 

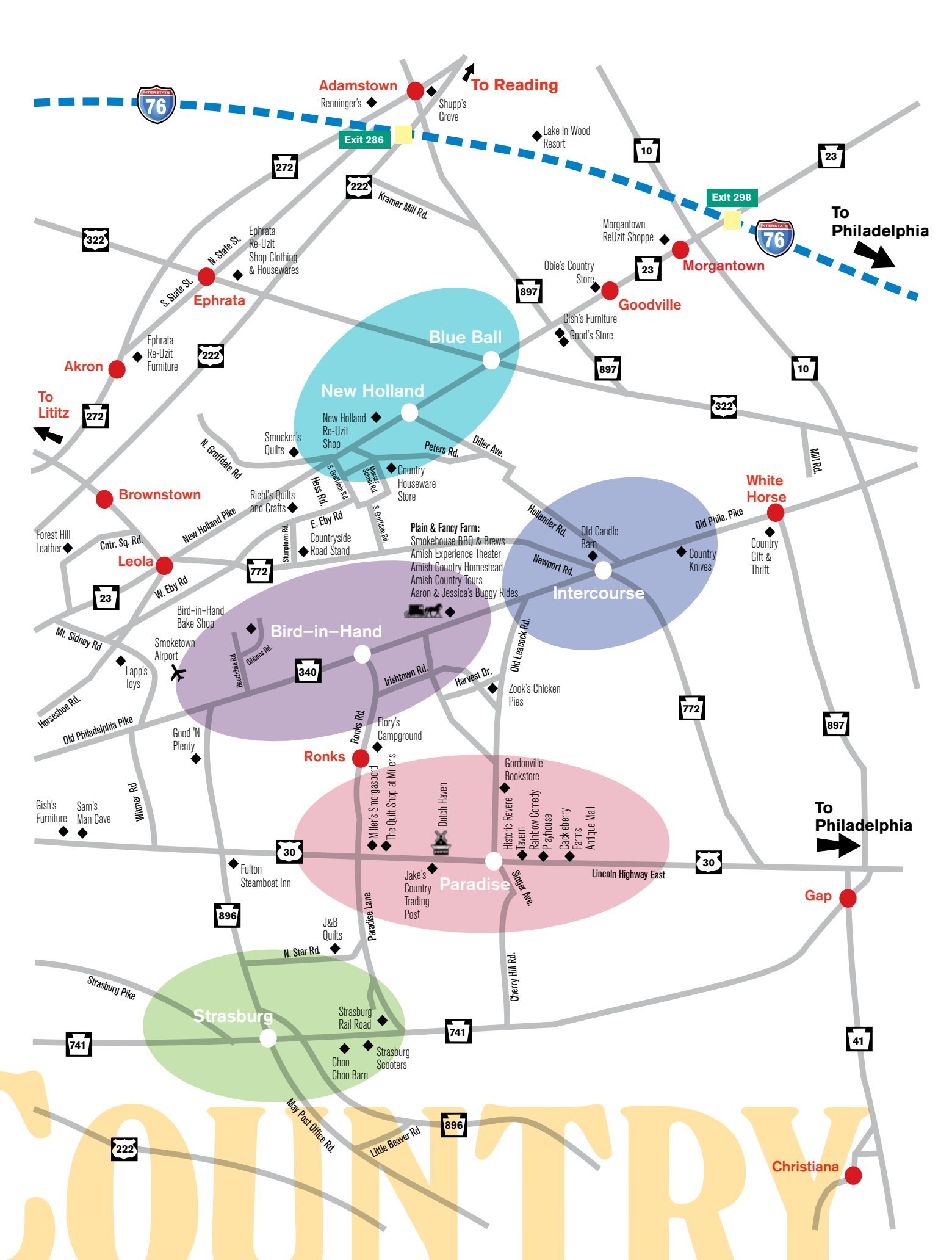


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Hollander Rd.

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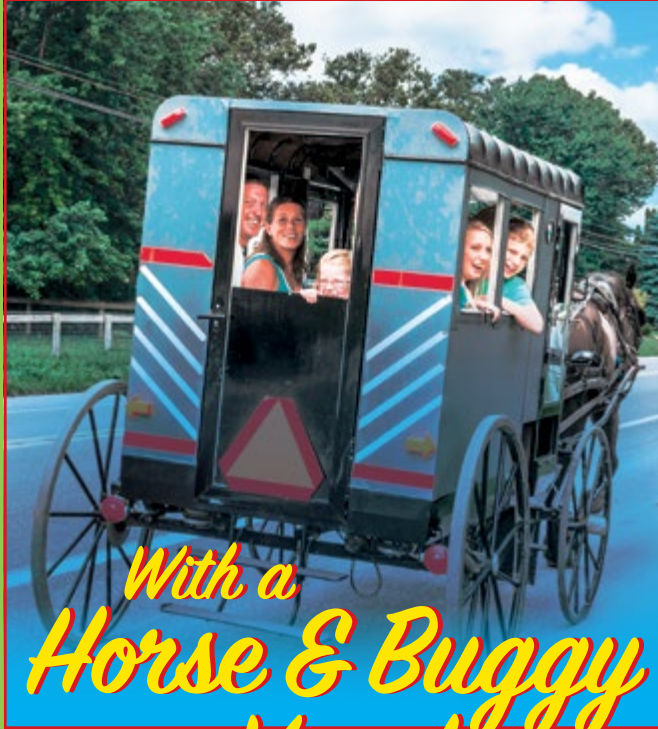
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